

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/714,245	Applicant(s) ROONEY ET AL.	
	Examiner Steven D. Maki	Art Unit 1733	

All Participants:

(1) Steven D. Maki.

(2) Nancy Krawczyk.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 10 February 2006

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If Yes, provide a brief description: _____

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:
 103

Claims discussed:
 1-14

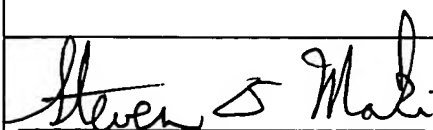
Prior art documents discussed:
 Shontz, Rooney 774 and French 341

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:
 See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner proposed amending claim 1 as shown in the examiner's amendment. Examiner noted that support for the proposal can be found in figure 2 and paragraph 30 on page 5 of the original disclosure. Examiner noted that Shontz does not teach initiating at the curved base, a width of at least 50% or extending through the entire specified shoulder region. Examiner noted illustration of pad in figure 3 of Rooney 774, but commented that Rooney 774 does teach initiating at the curved base. Examiner noted that French 341 does not teach extending through the entire specified shoulder. Examiner commented that the prior art of record fails to suggest each deflecting wall initiating at a curved base of a tread element block wall and the pad extending between a pair of tread elements and through the entire specified shoulder region in addition to the remaining limitations of claim 1. On 2-14-06, applicant's representative agreed to the changes in the examiner's amendment.